(b) if so, whether the said Plan has since been finalised; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government has been advised by this Ministry to prepare and obtain clearance from Ministry of Welfare on Action Plan on rehabilitation & resettlement aspects of Polavaram project.

(b) No, Sir. The State Government has not submitted the above said Action Plan to the Ministry of Welfare.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending irrigation project proposals of Andhra Pradesh

1908. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the irrigation project proposals pending with the Central Government for clearance as on December, 31, 1994;

(b) the reasons for delay in according clearance; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Details of new Major & Medium Irrigation Schemes of Andhra Pradesh as on 31.12.1994 are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 89].

(b) and (c) The clearance of a project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of various Central Appraising Agencies and obtains forest/environment/rehabilitation and resettlement plans clerances as applicable.

Major and medium irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu

1909. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects of Tamil Nadu lagging behind their original schedule;

(b) the cost escalation as a result thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent any proposal to the Central Government seeking financial assistance for the completion of these projects during the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Time and cost overrun can be determined only in respect of approved projects. One medium and one Extension/Renovation/Modernisation Irrigation Projects of Tamil Nadu are lagging behind